

WEATHER.
Fair today; Friday partly
cloudy, with rising tem-
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BIG SENSATION IN THE COURT

One Gary Attorney Calls Another
A Jackass in Lake Superior
Court This Morning

BALLARD VS M'CRACKEN

Lawyer McCracken Starts
Tilt by Calling Ballard
a Jackall.

Court etiquette was thrown to the winds in the Lake superior court this morning when the case of Albert Pick & Co. vs. Frank J. Swada was brought up before Judge Virgil S. Reiter, and two Gary attorneys, Henry F. McCracken and Everett G. Ballard, denounced each other unquivocally.

"With due respect to the court, I beg leave to state that Everett G. Ballard is a jackall," said Attorney McCracken.

"With equal respect to the court, I beg leave to state that Henry F. McCracken is a jackass," said Attorney Everett G. Ballard.

And in this manner the two Gary attorneys, who have been working so diligently for a court of their own, went from bad to worse until finally Attorney Ballard made the assertion in open court that he believed Attorney McCracken had violated the ethics of the profession and was guilty of duplicity, in that he appeared for both the defendant and the plaintiff in the case involved.

Trouble Long Brewing.
It has been whispered about the lobbies of the courthouse for some time that there would likely be some interesting development in the case of Albert Pick & Co. vs. Frank J. Swada.

Judge Virgil S. Reiter heard the evidence, the allegation and the recriminations for an hour or more this morning and then announced that he would make a decision in the case on Monday.

The trouble arose when the creditors of Frank J. Swada, of whom Albert

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FUNERAL OF MISS DOWNES

Will Take Place in Ham-
mond Tomorrow.

The body of Miss Anna Downes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Downes, 39 May street, will arrive in Hammond tomorrow morning from St. Louis, where she died last Tuesday. The funeral has been arranged for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, interment to be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

David Downes is at the head of the blacksmith department in the local Standard Steel Car works, and has moved here with his family only recently.

LOYALTY TO MOTHERS BRINGS PEDAL DISTRESS

Quartet of Hammond Professional Men Encounter Nu-
merous Vicissitudes and Are Compelled to Do a
Marathon Stunt to Get Home.

The classic Marathon run by a class of lot of Marathons, not of their own volition, but of necessity, is affording their friends who know the circumstance a lot of amusement, not to say a good many laughs.

The principals in the greatest Marathon race that was ever pulled off in Lake county were representatives from all walks of life. One was a judge another was an ecclesiastic, the third was an educator and the fourth was a professor of music.

To be more specific the Marathon racers were Judge V. S. Reiter, Chas. A. Smith, Professor C. M. McDaniel and Clark Leaming. The race was a magnificent one, but unfortunately there were no laurel wreaths ready to cover the brows of these heroes when they arrived in Hammond.

Go to Attend Meeting.
The three above named Hammond men went to Robertsdale, at the solicitation of Professor McDaniel, on the representation that they should have the distinction and pleasure of participating in a mothers' meeting.

Now it so happens that the mothers'

MANAGER HAS HIS TROUBLES

High Tension Engines at the
Power House Burned
Out This Morning.

TROUBLE REMEDIED TODAY

Double-Truckers Are Pulled Off Tem-
porarily, But Cars Will Be
Running Tonight.

Manager Green of the Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago Street Railway company is certainly having his troubles, and instead of being vilified by an outraged people as was the case under the old regime he has the sympathy of his patrons, who all hope his troubles will soon come to an end.

The facts are that two of the high tension engines at the power house were burned out and on account of the poor power Manager Green was compelled to take off all of the big cars and put the small cars on in their places.

Trouble Is Cared For.
The trouble was being remedied with the greatest haste this morning, and it is expected that the cars will be running on schedule time by this afternoon.

No one deprecates the poor service more than Manager Green and he is doing all in his power to get things into shape again before the day is over. He does not believe that this trouble will delay the special cars which are coming over from Whiting this afternoon.

Takes Degree Work.

Charles Williams took the mark master's degree in the Hammond chapter last evening. Mr. Williams' progress in Masonry, since he entered the Blue Lodge a short time ago, has been rapid, and he was congratulated on his taking the mark master's degree last evening.

Thieves Steal Tools.

Mr. S. Pizer, 55 State street, reports that thieves broke into his place of business and stole a lot of tools. The shop, which Mr. Pizer runs, is a co-operative and many of the tools taken were valuable. It is believed that the thieves are the same who have been carrying on depredations of the kind for some time. Mr. Pizer's place is in the rear of Nick Kahl's saloon. Entrance was gained through a door, which was forced open.

WON'T WAIT FOR INDIANA ACTION

Sanitary District of Chicago
Instructs Engineers to
Prepare Estimate.

Without awaiting any action from either the state of Indiana, or from any of the cities in the Calumet region, the sanitary district of Chicago yesterday instructed the engineering department to prepare an estimate of the costs for constructing an intercepting sewer for the drainage of the Calumet district. This will necessitate the reversal of the current of the Calumet river from the lake to the Sag.

This action was taken with the expectation that the district will win in the test suit brought in the United States district court to enjoin the district from reversing the current of the Calumet river.

The cost of the proposition, it is estimated, will be about \$20,000,000, and it will require six or seven years' work.

Health Commissioner Evans reported on the sanitary aspect of the question, saying the people along the lake had been much aroused and are determined something must be done.

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TRAGIC DEATH OF WICKER

Hammond Man Is Drowned
in the Gulf of Mexico
After Clinging to a Cap-
sized Boat for Nearly
Twenty-four Hours.

GREAT SHOCK TO HAMMOND FRIENDS

Body Is Recovered Off the Coast of
Florida By United States Mail
Boat On Its Way to Punta Rassa—
Knowledge of Funeral Arrange-
ments Has Not Been Received.

The information received by The Times last evening regarding the death of Charles G. Wicker, who lived on the Wicker farm, near Highlands, came as a shock to the friends and acquaintances of the unfortunate young man who live in this city.

As additional facts about the young man's death were learned it became known that he was drowned in the Gulf of Mexico off Fort Meyers, while out fishing in a rowboat. Details regarding the funeral have not been received in Hammond.

Wicker was fond of sailing and organized a party to go out on the gulf Tuesday morning. With him were Captain Oliver H. Dockery, 25th infantry, U. S. A.; Hackney, Dr. Herbert Caldwell of Louisville, Ky., and Phillips, who was the guide.

An hour or two after the party left the dock the boat capsized. The boat was about a mile from the shore and four to five miles south of the dock when it capsized. After floating about on the side of the overturned sloop for a short time Hackney volunteered to swim ashore on a broken spar to obtain succor for his fellows.

Lost at Sea.
Dockery, Caldwell, Wicker and Phillips clung to the capsized boat all Tuesday, waiting too far out at sea to attract attention. Late in the afternoon the mail boat passed within a mile or two of the men, but they were unable to attract attention. Chilled and exhausted, Phillips fell off shortly after the mail boat passed and was drowned. Seeing that Wicker was almost exhausted and that he could not long hold on, Captain Dockery lashed the man to himself, not releasing himself until that evening, when Wicker was dead.

"Captain Dockery pushed the boat with a single oar toward the shore with wonderful fortitude and early yesterday morning he and Dr. Caldwell, greatly exhausted, were picked up by the mail boat on its way to Punta Rassa. The body of Wicker was recovered at the same time.

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THREE TWINS COMING AGAIN

Visit of Sparkling Musical
Comedy Is Awaited by
Theatrical Patrons.

REPERTOIRE COMPANY BOOKED

Owing to Conflict in Dates Manager
Nye Secures a Crackerjack
Company

Manager Nye of Towle's Opera House announces that he has been able to secure the Three Twins for Hammond for another engagement. When the Three Twins appeared in Hammond a few months ago it made a great hit. Many of those who saw the show said it was the best musical comedy that had come to Towle's this year.

It was only by a peculiar chain of circumstances that Mr. Nye was able to secure the show for his theater Feb. 21, a week from Sunday. It was originally intended that the show should go to one of the Chicago theaters, but it was found that the theater would not accommodate the scenery of the Three Twins and the other show at the same time and it was possible for Mr. Nye to arrange a return engagement in Hammond.

Will Get a Big House.
It is expected that the Three Twins will be greeted by a capacity house this time, as the people of the region know what an exceptional attraction is the Three Twins.

Manager Nye is planning an innovation for next week which he thinks will make a big hit here. He has booked the Rosar-Mason repertoire company, which is said to be one of the best in the business, and will give a matinee every afternoon, for which a charge of only 10 cents will be made.

This will enable women and children, who come downtown to shop, to spend a pleasant afternoon in the best theater in the region and see as good a show as any one would want to see for only 10 cents. It is an unparalleled opportunity and it is expected that the house will be filled.

The prices will be as usual for the evening entertainments.

GETTING READY FOR GREAT RACES

Entries Are Already Being
Made for Lake County
Chassis Race.

Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 11.—Lake county will be the scene of one of the greatest automobile races ever held in America next spring, and the movement among the Chicago enthusiasts to make it a race of unusual importance near their own city will be fully realized at that time.

Under the auspices of the Chicago Automobile club plans are already under way and entries being made for the great stock chassis race and the course selected will be the 22-mile loop from Crown Point via Cedar Lake to Lowell and return by way of Orchard Grove to Crown Point, which will be made the starting and finishing point. Yesterday in Chicago Manager Banta of the Locomobile company entered the great "Loop" premium in the last Vanderbilt cup race, and two sixty and seventy horse-power Thomas machines have been entered, besides several other prominent stock cars. The race will be run on the 31st of May and from now on this vicinity will be the scene of activities from those interested in the successful culmination of the event. The course has been pronounced ideal for the holding of automobile races on account of the absence of steam and electric road crossing, and it is said that the promoters are anxious to make the races an annual event, providing the first is successful. In any event the race next May now seems a certainty and Crown Pointers in particular, and the rest of Lake county in general, will have the opportunity of witnessing one of the most thrilling events of modern times, one that the eyes of the sporting world will view with the greatest of interest.

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NEW PLANT STARTED AT HIGHLAND

Hammond and Gary Men
Organize the Gary Gran-
ite and Brick Co. for the
Purpose of Making Build-
ing Material.

COMPANY STARTED AT \$75,000 CAPITAL

Company Purchases Five Acres of
Sand Adjoining Libby McNeil Tract
at Highlands and Has Three Story
Building Under Construction to Be-
gin Manufacturing Soon.

Quietly, but aggressively, there was formed a company, which is now building a plant, which will be hailed as a new industry in the Calumet region.

The Gary Granite Brick and Stone company, whose officers, directors and stockholders are nearly all Lake county men, intend to put sand-lime brick on the market from the plant now under construction at Highlands, Ind., by May 7.

The officers of the company are as follows:
President—John M. Stinson, Hammond.
Secretary—Clarence C. Smith, East Chicago.

Treasurer—George Baker, Gary.
Directors—Frank Orth, Indiana Harbor; William Kunert, Tolleston; C. C. Smith, East Chicago; George Akker, Gary; Conrad Peterson, East Gary; M. Rothschild and Frank Hodson of Highlands.

The company is capitalized for \$75,000.

The company has purchased five acres of land adjoining the Libby McNeil Pickle factory at Highlands, and has now under construction a three-story plant for the making of the sand-lime brick.

The machinery, which has already been ordered from the Durbin company in Anderson, Ind., will cost \$33,000, and has a producing capacity of 40,000 bricks a day. The process of making brick takes twenty hours, ten hours of which are consumed in the actual making of the brick, while the balance of time is consumed in the cylinder in which the bricks are placed for ten hours, with a 125-pound steam pressure on them.

The promoters claim for their brick that it is double faced, of low absorption, perfect size and that quick action can be secured in ordering and using them. They will cost from \$10 to \$12 per thousand, and the manufacturers feel satisfied that they can compete successfully with other companies.

Although the sand-lime brick industry is still new, the first plant in America having been started late in 1901. The brick are already used in many sections of the country and for varied purposes. Over 150 plants are now in operation in various parts of the country, and the brick have taken a front rank in building material line.

It is not pretended that they will ever entirely displace burned clay brick in localities where clay is good and fuel cheap, and where the clay brick are well made and well burned, but even in such cases the sand-lime brick can compete successfully with the clay brick in quality, appearance and cost, it is said.

Most of the brick to be made in the Highlands plant will be of its natural color, pale gray or white, although any other color can be produced. The promoters feel that they have a good thing and they are now only waiting for the factory to begin work.

Pupils Honor Lincoln.

The school children in all of the rooms in the city spent the afternoon in the enjoyment of patriotic exercises. After the exercises many of them were given flags, which they carried down the street. This morning the school work for the week was concluded and there will be no more school until Monday.

Settle Controversy Monday.

The county commissioners will meet in Crown Point Monday, and among other things will settle the controversy between Township Trustees Becker and Township Assessor Escher. Trustee Becker has an option on a suite of rooms in the Hammond building in the event he is not given a place in the court house.

A special program has been arranged for Lincoln's birthday at the Colonial theater. Motion pictures, portraying the life of Lincoln and other special features are billed. A beautiful Lincoln centennial souvenir will be given with every paid admission.

CHICAGO NOW TAKES UP FIGHT

Indiana Dairy Farmer Re-
joices Because Health
Officials Get Busy.

ILLINOIS DEALERS ON GRIDDLE

Letter From State Veterinarian Fol-
lows Expose in The Times on
Jan. 12.

To the great joy of the northern Indiana dairy farmer, who is willing to do his share to deliver pure milk, Illinois, and especially Chicago, is awaking to the fact that Illinois is being made the dumping ground for tubercular cattle, not only from Indiana but from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri. This fact was originally brought out in THE TIMES on Jan. 12.

The man who is tearing the blinds from the eyes of the people of Illinois is J. M. Wright, state veterinarian. This is what he had to say on the situation yesterday:

"Then thousand condemned tubercular cows from Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri annually are shipped to Illinois and sold for dairy purposes or food.

"Three hundred 'cowmen' are engaged solely in the nefarious traffic of buying cows that have reacted to the tuberculin test in other states for subsequent disposal to Illinois purchasers.

"The lack of a state law preventing the importation into this state for dairy or breeding purposes of any cattle except such as have passed a health test satisfactory to the state board of live stock commissioners makes possible a condition that constitutes a perpetual menace to the public health.

"Most of the diseased cattle thus imported are disposed of in the dairy districts tributary to Chicago, dairy-men being deceived into purchasing them because of the fact that cattle infected with tuberculin do not react to the test again for several months."

Some of the evidence came from Dr. A. W. Biting, state veterinarian of Indiana, in the shape of a letter. The letter is as follows:

Dear Doctor:—On Jan. 3 two car-loads of cows were sent from Alsaworth, this state, to some point in your state for dairy purposes. Forty-one out of a herd of fifty reacted to the tuberculin test. I have referred the matter to Dr. Melvin to take up as he can compel the exhibition of freight bills, etc., and bring suit under the federal law. The offense is too serious to be adequately met under the state law. Very truly yours,
A. W. BITING.

Jan. 21, 1909.
The letter is dated from Lafayette, Ind.

The above letter substantiates the expose made by THE TIMES.

Dies After Illness.

Mrs. J. F. Kussman, 408 Howard avenue, died this morning at her home after a long illness from tuberculosis. The deceased was 33 years old, and leaves a husband three children.

The funeral has not yet been arranged.

New Clairvoyant.

Professor M. C. Alvino, the clairvoyant and palmist, has located in Hammond and will receive clients at his office, 139 Russell street. Professor Alvino is said to have a splendid reputation in his line and able to produce good results.

HAMMOND MEN INTERESTED IN "TRUST" FILM FIGHT

Local Managers of Picture Shows Refuse to Be Tangled
in Embroglio, But Patonize Both Foreign
and Domestic Films.

Since Hammond has become a center of importance in the moving-picture industry there is a great deal of interest manifested in the fight which is being waged by the "trust" against the "independents" among the film-producing companies.

Briefly the "trust" is composed of some of the best known of the picture producers, such as Pathe and the Vitagraph company. There are only thirty firms in the trust, but they are the best of the producing companies. The trust included both foreign and domestic producers.

The American Producing company is composed of exclusively American companies. An effort is being made by the American company to have a heavy duty put on the foreign films so that the trust will be put out of the business.

Object to Levy of Duty.
The managers of the moving picture shows, which use the foreign films, object to the levying of this duty, as they say it would place them at the mercy of the American producers and would make it necessary for them to use exclusively American films. This, they say, would greatly limit the range of subjects and would make it impossible for them to show their patrons scenes from foreign lands.

This has made the moving pictures of great educational value and has made them doubly interesting. For instance, it is possible to show scenes of streets in foreign cities or the earthquake scenes in Sicily, while if there was a heavy duty on foreign films the views would be confined to this country.

The International Projecting and Producing company has suggested to the moving picture managers using their films that they hold a meeting to protest against the levying of such a duty and that these managers write to their congressmen asking them to oppose a duty on films.

So the fight goes on and no one seems to know where it will end. The general public seems to be in favor of competition in the film business and the local managers of moving picture shows patronize both the foreign and domestic producers.